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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

The government's case against Microsoft quickly degenerated into such a war of rhetoric that it became impossible to decipher the real issues. It is my opinion that the government has badly misunderstood the free market concept of employing aggressive marketing techniques over and against its contention that Microsoft was in any way attempting to create an atmosphere of unfair competition.

However, now that the case has entered into the settlement phase, these questions will remain unresolved. I am writing to suggest that the settlement itself is a decidedly better option than the continuation of the litigation. However, I may have some misgivings over some of the more salient terms of the settlement, particularly the provisos for information and divulging of intellectual property.

Sincerely,

Christopher Seale  
President